

# PENTECOST



Where the Spirit is,  
there is freedom for all

# *Our Worship of God*

*June 8, 2025*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## **Gathering Bell**

*As the bell is chimed, we invite you to pause, center yourself,  
and prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

## **Welcome**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.

**Send down the fire of your justice!**

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

**Send down the rain of your love!**

Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

**Send down your Spirit, breathe life in your people!**

In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**And we shall be people of God.**

## **†Song of Justice**

Let Justice Rain

## **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Sharing Our Gifts**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **Offertory**

**Reflections on the Spirit**

Joel Raney

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

*Children are invited to participate in a Pentecost processional*

**Scripture Reading**

Noah Hartsfield

**Genesis 11:1-9**

All people on the earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them hard.” They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, “Come, let’s build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let’s make a name for ourselves so that we won’t be dispersed over all the earth.”

Then the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the Lord said, “There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let’s go down and mix up their language there so they won’t understand each other’s language.”

Then the Lord dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the Lord mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord dispersed them over all the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection on Babel**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

~ *In honor of Juneteenth* ~

**Prayer of Lament and Confession (responsive)**

written by Lynne Lampe  
read by Mychel Varner

God, our heart's true and deepest desire is to live out your Word.

**This congregation was founded on great love for You.**

Yet from the beginning, we had a distorted view of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**We have fallen short of full acceptance of all Your children.**

The ways have changed over the years, and today, with Your help,

**we lament times we and our forebearers**

**limited another's humanity based on the color of their skin.**

Forgive us for twisting your Word for our own ends—

**open our hearts and minds to true understanding.**

For times we did not follow Your example to treat everyone as Your beloveds,

**God, we lament.**

For times we thought equality meant You wanted us to be colorblind,

**God, we lament.**

For times we did nothing, not even speak, to fight injustice

due to all we include in the word race—

skin color, language, food, cultural practices,

**God, we lament.**

For times we assumed whiteness as the default and called it “normal,”

**God, we lament.**

For times we updated our language but neither changed our behaviors

nor truly challenged our assumptions,

**God, we lament.**

For times we didn't believe

when someone told us ways they experienced racism,

**God, we lament.**

For times we spoke before listening and thought our experiences were alike,

**God, we lament.**

For times we followed social convention  
rather than Your teaching and example,

**God, we lament.**

For times we chose acceptance from our social group rather than follow You,

**God, we lament.**

For times we chose comfort over discomfort and growth,

**God, we lament.**

For times we valued individuality at the expense of community,

**God, we lament.**

*Silence for Confession*

God of Justice and Truth, we confess we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.

**In what we have done, and what we have left undone.**

For the times when our fear is greater than our desire to understand.

**God, forgive us.**

For the ways our church has benefited from the slavery of the past,

**Christ, forgive us.**

For how the greater Church has distorted your word to allow slavery to exist,

**Spirit, forgive us.**

<b>A Dramatic Reading for Pentecost : Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)</b>	The Voices of Pentecost	
<b>Reflections on Pentecost</b>	Pastor Kristin McAtee	
<b>†Commitment in Song</b>	Cathedral	
<b>Message from the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team</b>	Julie Walker	
<b>Response of the Church</b>		
<b>Offertory for Racial Repair</b>	<b>The Gift of Grace</b> <i>Chancel Bells</i>	Arnold Sherman
<b>Life of the Church</b>	Pastor Brittany McDonald Null	
<b>†Benediction</b>	Pastor Kristin McAtee	
<b>†Postlude</b>	<b>God Renew Us by Your Spirit</b> Colleen Ostercamp, <i>organ</i>	arr. Dale Wood

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship* — Katherine Hawker, on her Liturgy Outside the Box website.

*Let Justice Rain*, Hannah Rand, Lenora Rand CCLI Song #7140920 © 2019 Plural Guild Music

*Revive Us Again*, Words: William P. Mackay. Music: Joh J. Husband, c. 1815.

*A Dramatic Reading for Pentecost*, Directed by Angel Kenison-Scott & Russ Scott. The dramatic reading was prepared by Ervina Boeve, professor of Speech at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the Conference on Liturgy and Music at Calvin Seminary, August 1985.

*Spirit of the Living God*, Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

*Cathedral*, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs CCLI Song #7219354 © 2023 Quiltmaker Music; Cageless Birds.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

**4:00 pm Journey Together Ice Cream Social and Decorating Party**

### Monday, June 9

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

**6:00 pm Serving Team Meeting in the Conference Room, with guest speaker,  
Garrett Rucinski, Director of Engagement for the City of Refuge**

### Tuesday, June 10

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Thursday, June 12

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

6:00 pm Crafter Hours

### Friday, June 13 - Journey Together

**5:30-7:30 pm**

### Saturday, June 14 - Journey Together

**10:00 am -2:30 pm**

### Sunday, June 15

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary



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# Announcements

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## Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at [fbc-columbia.org/connect](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Ice Cream Social & Journey Together Decoration Party Tonight

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on tonight, June 8 at 4 pm for an Ice Cream Social! We will provide the ice cream, and invite you to bring your favorite toppings (please no peanuts) to share as we enjoy some good treats and fellowship. After enjoying some ice cream, stay a while and help us prepare for Journey Together, our Family Vacation Bible School happening the following weekend. There will be options for the least and most skilled decorators among us. For those who stick around a little longer, we will be ordering pizza around 6 pm. Thank you in advance for helping us make Journey Together an immersive experience!

## Special Serving Team Meeting – Monday, June 9 at 6 pm

The Serving Team would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to learn more about supporting the City of Refuge. Garrett Rucinski, Director of Engagement for the City of Refuge will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing Mission opportunities for the City of Refuge Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room during our monthly Missions meeting. Please join us!

## Prayer Garden and Wind Phone

Our beautiful lawn is now home to a small prayer garden. Located by the benches, you will find a trellis behind which to sit and pray. A wind phone is available. If you are not familiar with the wind phone, it is simply a phone which is not connected to any line but your heart. You can speak with God, or with loved ones, in a private and quiet space. This beautiful space has been arranged by Brenda Rice and we hope to see it become a place for prayer and peace.

## Journey Together – June 13-15

Journey Together is a weekend event for families with kids hosted by First Baptist Kids Ministry. Journey Together is designed to help you and your family connect with God, one another, and other families with kids in our community. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*. Adults and children alike will come together to let waves of wonder wash over them as they are inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. We are looking forward to the ways your family and our church family will make memories, grow in faith, and connect with other families during this special event!



**PARTICIPANTS:** Activities are geared toward kids aged 4 through 5th grade and their families, however, all are welcome! Youth can participate with their families or volunteer to help. Email Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org) to volunteer!

**WAYFINDERS:** This year there is a new opportunity for 5th and 6th graders (completed) for a deeper dive into spiritual formation with Pastor Kristin. Wayfinders is a special track within Journey Together just for 5th and 6th graders. This group is asking big questions, and Wayfinders will give space for students to listen to God's voice and grow as leaders in their faith. Together we'll explore how God guides us, how we can care for the world around us, and how to follow Jesus every day. Through deeper conversations, hands-on learning, and opportunities to lead, Wayfinders will help students take the next step on their journey with God. We'll wonder, listen, lead, and practice — all while taking a deeper dive into God's love. When you register, simply select the Wayfinders option for your 5th or 6th grader!

## Business Meeting - June 22

Join us after church on June 22nd for a brief business meeting. The agenda will be posted soon. We haven't met since January and it is time for us to get some updates from our staff, teams, and action groups. We will move to the Fellowship Hall directly after worship.

## CBF General Assembly in St. Louis – June 24-26

CBF's annual gathering, the General Assembly, is being held for the first time in St. Louis. This is a special opportunity for you to come and experience the Fellowship for yourself. Registration is free online at <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly> or in person. Come for worship, breakout sessions, and fellowship. There are several events hosted by partner organizations such as Baptist Women in Ministry and the McAll Racial Justice Initiative that are paid events. First Baptist Church has already purchased tables for these events. If you are interested in signing up for one of them, please contact Pastor Brittany. **In exciting news**, Shelby Pride and our Awakening Worship Team are providing the music! It would be great for FBC to join the crowd as friends and supporters. Come and join us in St. Louis! Preschool, children's and youth assemblies are also available. For more details, visit <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly>

## First Baptist Scholarship Program

The First Baptist Church Columbia Scholarship Program has launched! Find out more about available scholarships and information for submission on our website: <https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/>

## Creation Care

Our church has a commitment to creation care. We have worked hard to develop best practices, including recycling. Due to the tornado on Easter Sunday, recycling will not be available in Columbia for several years. It is more important than ever that we strengthen our commitment to reducing waste. One way we will reduce waste is by printing less worship guides for the Awakening Service. Worshipers will have access to the worship guide on screen, or on their phones via the emailed worship guide. Another way we are reducing waste is by limiting our use of paper goods. At our Fellowship table and meal events, food and drink will only be served in reusable dishes and cups. Tubs will be conveniently located for dirty dishes. Dishes will be taken by church staff to the dishwasher. Thank you for your care for the good world God has given to us.

## Serving Team Update

The Serving Team welcomes Mary Van Rheenen to worship on July 6th. Our church has partnered with Mary as a CBF Encourager church for several years. Mary is retiring from CBF. We look forward to hearing her plans moving ahead. In the meantime, our team is considering who we might serve as an Encourager Church. We are considering two different teams. We would like your feedback.



An Encourager Church commits to prayer support and relationship, financial support, short-term engagement (mission trips), and support to CBF. Consider whom our church could engage with in relationships and even short-term projects and trips. You can let us know at the church office or by emailing Pastor Kristin at [kmcatee@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:kmcatee@fbc-columbia.org).

- Lita and Rick serve in the San Francisco Bay Area, commissioned in 2002. Lita and Rick have always felt a sense of compassion for internationals and see God's call on their lives to forge a welcoming presence among the immigrants, refugees, and other internationals in their sphere of ministry. Their ministry among internationals strives to cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development. Read more at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/lita-and-rick-sample-2/c577759>

- Jana serves in Larnaca, Cyprus amongst refugees and asylum seekers. In Larnaca, she partners with All4Aid, a non-profit, faith-based, international organization to work with refugees and asylum seekers coming to and through Cyprus. Their mission is to work with the displaced peoples to enhance their quality of life by facilitating humanitarian assistance, cultivating social inclusion, and fostering educational development.

## *Inclusion Work from the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team*

### Happy Pride Month!

FBC wishes everyone a Happy Pride! Columbia officially celebrates Pride in the month of October, and our Racial Justice and Inclusion Team has already begun to prepare. The weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mid-Mo Pride Fest and FBC will be a part of the celebration. This is part of our calling to be an inclusive community where LGBTQIA + people are welcomed and affirmed.



### Disability Awareness Month

The Racial Justice team, in collaboration with Lexi Simmerman, will also lead us in Disability Awareness in the month of October. We are thankful for their leadership in helping us to continue to live into our vision of inclusiveness for all.



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*Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*  
*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*  
*Shelby Pride, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*  
*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*  
*Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director*  
*Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator*  
*Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities, and Arts*  
*Mike Ide, Custodian*  
*Nellene Martin, Childcare Director*